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BACK STRETCH

J. Leo Praught is planning several improvements to the Riverside track which will make it faster and safer. The first turn is being built up several feet and the track widened. Leo also plans to widen the road leading to the track so as to make it easier of ingress. Nancy Budlong, the pacing mare which he sold two years ago to Quebec parties, is now owned in Ontario. She was one of the busiest performers there last year taking part in no less than 16 events, winning a good share of them and lowering her record to 2:14 1/2. Leo believes, and we agree, that had she remained here she would have taken a record close to 2:10. Nancy could step a quarter from the wire in 30 seconds. She is splendidly built and bred and there is no reason why she could not have paced in 2:10. Her sire is Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/2 and her dam by Lycopcia 2:09. Her granddam by Borden Prince 2:23 1/2, a horse that should have had a record of 2:04 or better.

Emmett and Oit Gallant whose combined blacksmith and carriage building premises is located on Euston St., are about the best men in this country. Emmett has made 200 shoes for race horses already and will have to have at least 200 more to see him partly through the season. It is nifty and exacting work to make some of the footwear for the fast trotters and pacers that race today, although we do not know any of them that wear his light shoes as Dick C. 2:14 1/2 did. His four weighted ten ounces. Oit is making carts and repairing sulks. At present he has a beautiful cart practically finished for a well known horseman and a road cart for another horseman. We are of the opinion that Oit should start to make sulks and we cannot see any reason why he could not turn out one of the best types as his sulky hospital has taken them in literally smashed to pieces and as good as new. The Gallant brothers are among the most obliging and industrious of our citizens.

Last fall in this column we mentioned the up to date breeding farm of Leonard Barrieau, Centre Acadia, N. B., headed by the stallions Federal, t. 2:07, P. 2:01 1/2, and Protector by Protector 3. 1:59 1/2, also the splendid brand of brood mares Mr. Barrieau had purchased. Now we learn that the first colt of the season has arrived sired by Federal 2:01 1/2, dam Elsie Louise 2:11. A visitor tells us that he is one of the biggest and strongest colts he ever saw. Mr. Barrieau has four other mares in foal to Federal, namely, Volo Ray 2:06 by Volante, Leah Guy 2:04 1/2 by Lee Harvester 2:16 1/2, and two others owned by outside horsemen. The brood mare Jeanne Trux 2:08 1/2 is in foal to Protector. On the farm there are also three yearlings, a two-year-old and two three-year-olds, all entered in the futurities at Old Home Week or Goodwill Races at Charlotte. One of the best is eligible for the title of champion, namely, Oit Louise, that he is training, and O. K. Volo by Protector, dam Volo Ray 2:06, that Billy Collette is training. That gentleman is also wintering Jolly Harvester 2:10 1/2, owned by J. Mac O'Brien, South Nelson, and a four-year-old by Protector, owned by Tom Legere, Richibucto. There is no doubt that these colts will have every opportunity of making good as Mr. Collette's ability to prepare and train a colt or any type of race horse has been well proven in the past.

Several times in recent months our thoughts have turned to Robert McGowan, Merivonville, N. S., whose name was so well and favorably known in Maritime racing circles some twenty years ago. Well, it was a pleasure the other evening to find in the mail a letter from our good friend Bob, enclosing a snap of Dod Dwyer, Vic Douce and Bob taken at the Sydney races over thirty years ago. Bob believes that Dod Dwyer was the first in the Maritimes to drive a mare in 2:30. She was Minnie Grey, and he was at one time connected with the Canadian Sportsman, a very popular horse paper still published in Ontario.

While Mr. McGowan has said very little about himself, old timers will remember him as a top horseman who brought a daughter of Peter the Great here — Our Peggy — which the writer drove in a winning race that was

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a hard fought affair, and gave her a record of 1:00 2-5 for a half-mile on ice, said to be a world record. Yes, Bob can look back on a career that was honorable and full of exciting incidents and the fact that in his journey through life he has made a host of friends who always find it a pleasure to recollect him.

Thaddy Baine of Port Elgin, N. B., is envied by quite a number of horsemen in his community because he owns a good brood mare by Captain Tell, out of June Bingen. June Bingen's sire was Bud Acworth 2:14 and her dam Sally Bingen 2:17 by Blingola. Many will remember Sally Bingen when she was raced by Dr. W. G. Church of Summerside. She was the dam of Blingola Aubrey 2:11 1/2, one of the best pacers in his class in the Maritimes during the years he raced.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the United States Trotting Association was held at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., on Monday and Tuesday, March 10th and 11th. Among those present were President G. W. Rittenour, Piketon, Ohio; Vice-President Roger Duncan, Hartford, Conn.; S. F. Palin, Indianapolis, Indiana; Leo C. McNamara, Indianapolis; Andy Adams, Litchfield, Mich.; T. L. Borden, San Francisco; W. G. Kearney, San Francisco; E. C. Moriarty, Wichita, Kansas; E. J. Hayes, DuQuoin, Ill.; Dr. G. E. Van Tuijl, Iowa; Henry Knaut, Ladd, Ill.; C. C. Woody, Madison, Wis.; Cliff Tiro, Mankato, Minnesota; Robert B. Jewell, Wilmore, Ky.; Lt. Col. Dunbar W. Bostwick, Alken, S. C.; Gage B. Ellis, Langhorne, Pa.; Frank L. Wiswall, Albany, N. Y.; R. A. Jewell, Fort Fairfield, Maine; W. H. Dickinson, Hatfield, Mass.; Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The Rules Committee went over the rules very thoroughly and made some alterations which will appear in the new Rule Book that will be issued shortly. Considerable discussion took place regarding harness racing in all its phases and the tenor of the meeting was that everything possible should be done to bring the sport to the highest level so that it will continue to enjoy its present popularity. For this reason the Directors believe the rules should be strictly enforced and that strictest discipline govern the operations of every track.

The season of 1946 showed an extraordinary gain in attendances and in distribution of purses which reached over \$6,000,000. In District 11, which includes the Maritimes, over \$11,000,000 was paid out, the greatest amount in racing history. Charlottetown led with over \$14,000, but all tracks throughout the Maritimes increased their race prizes from the previous year. The rule in regard to fees for member tracks was changed in that part-mutual tracks will in future pay 2% on the amount of purses put up but other tracks will remain as before — 1%. The 2% does not apply to Maritime tracks.

Last evening we received a most interesting letter from our friend James L. Read, Truro. Jim has followed the races for over fifty years and his retentive memory can recall practically all the important happenings on the Maritime tracks in that ever half a century. In the early days Sackville and Amherst were famous for their colt stakes races there, mostly promoted by Eiter and Lamey. Those were the days of Parkside 2:21 1/2, Special Blend 2:17, Minota 2:18 and many others and the J. L. Cowan-owned horses of Springfield such as Roberval, Rock Farm Grace, Lord Alverston and others. Jim has definite ideas in regard to the horses of long ago and believes that while we have some good race horses now and in most cases they make faster time he does not believe they compare with many of those that raced years ago.

As examples of the great ones of the past he mentions Devilish Dorothy, Baby Logan, Mayor Todd, Helen R. and many others. The story of Bill Sharen intrigues him. He knew the horse, saw him race many times and also knew his dam Narrowway W., and to a considerable extent agrees with Billy Conick, Woburn, Mass., that Christie Budlong 2:06 1/2 has the ability to trot to a faster mark than Bill Sharen's 2:04 1/2.

SPORTING NEWS

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Saints and Legion resume their City League playoff battle at the Forum tonight and as a result of their upset victory in the first game Thursday night the men of Kane are now co-favorites with the Drillon-coached team to capture the Dr. F. C. Dougan trophy that goes to the winners. And well they might be for the University crew again proved to all and sundry Thursday night that they are more dangerous when in a trailing position.

When the Legion snapped in the two opening games there were plenty of fans present who were of the opinion that the Drillonites were on their way to an opening victory despite the fact that up to that time the Saints had just as much of the play as their opponents, but the winners changed that when the losers received a penalty and their two quick counters was just the spark they needed to set the entire squad on fire.

In the second session with the game a wide open affair Saints matched their opponents goal for goal and finally slapped in a couple of more quick ones to take command and in the bitterly fought third session they again performed the same stunt to complete their upset victory gained without the assistance of Elmer Blanchard and "Poorky" McDougall two important cogs in the S.D.U. machine.

And now it looks as if the series will go the limit before the winners are decided. From here the teams look to be too evenly matched for either one to chalk up three victories in a row and the remaining games are bound to be rugged, hard-hitting affairs for in the closing stages of the opener the players were hitting hard and often and incoming forwards had a rocky path before them in their He believes that had Bill Sharen been better mannered he would have gone faster for Murphy and believes that Murphy must have driven him in practically 2:02 1/2 as he was only beaten a head in that time by Peter the Brewer when Peter took his record.

Jim does not forget the exploits of Peter Pokey that held the Maritime record for 2:07 for several years and reduced it to 2:06 1/2 in Maine, or the exploits of Watchman, who took a record of 2:06 1/2 at St. Stephen, which is the Maritime stallion record. He concludes with: "If Christie Budlong stays sound and is left with Earle Avery this season I expect her to go a good half mile track in 2:05 and a mile track close to two minutes. We must admit that Avery has made good on other horses, for instance Love Song, that after his preparation took a record of 1:59 1/2. Why should not Christie be just as fast and good? She is as well bred and is still young. However, I am also of the opinion that had Watchman been turned over to Tom Berry two years ago he would have taken a record close to two minutes at Lexington. I cannot forget the day he raced at Truro where he played with his field and won in 2:08 eased up from the three-quarter pole, and I saw him win in 2:08 from pacers at New Glasgow two years ago.

"Speaking of time, you know I do not think the slow class pacers of late years can compare with Billy Cope that you raced and Lucky Lindy, raced by Well McNeill, and I remember a mare that came from Kensington and won her first heat — I believe it was in Montague — in 2:10. I forget her name" (it was Jacqueline and she was driven by Tyndell Semple that memorable mile) "I was glad to learn that my friend F. C. McQuay had been appointed a Director of the U. S. T. A. for District No. 11. He has had long experience in racing and promoting and is well liked and well thought of by everyone." Thanks, Jim, for your most interesting letter.

Saints And Legion In Second Game Tonight

Flushed with their 9-8 victory in the opening game on Thursday night Jackie Kane's S.D.U. hockeyists will be gunning for victory number two when they tangle with the Legion team at the Forum tonight in the second game of the City Hockey League finals and fans can expect a bruising, wide open game from the opening whistle on.

More or less set back on their heels by their opening defeat the series pre game favorites—the Legion—will be out in full force tonight to make amends if at all possible but they will be faced by the fast skating, hard fighting Saints who are always at their best when playoff time rolls around and who this year are very anxious to add the City title to the intercollegiate crown they now possess.

The game is slated to get underway at 9 o'clock sharp and judgment by the interest being shown in the encounter a capacity crowd is expected to sit in on the encounter.

Canadiens Defeat St. Mary's Juniors 8-4 To Take Series

MONTREAL, March 21—(CP)—A battling band of Halifax St. Mary's Juniors tired badly in the final period here tonight and bowed out of the Memorial Cup playoffs as they dropped an 8-4 decision to Montreal Canadiens, their third straight loss in the best-of-five series.

A capacity Forum crowd of more than 11,000 fans watched the Fortress City boys play careful hockey to lead 4-3 after two periods, but their defence wilted in the final frame to allow the Junior Habitants to ride in for five goals without a reply.

Canadiens now stack up against the Ottawa District champions in the eastern semi-finals of Dominion junior play leading to the Memorial Cup rounds.

First Period
1—St. Mary's, McNeil 12.15
2—St. Mary's, Campbell (Hirschfeld) 14.56
3—Canadiens, Morenz (Fryday) 15.15
Penalties: McNeil, Lepine.

Second Period
4—Canadiens, Laplante (Newton) 8.35
5—Canadiens, Trudel (Morenz) 8.48
6—St. Mary's, MacGillivray (Campbell) 14.27
7—St. Mary's, Hirschfeld (McNeil) 15.02
Penalties: MacGillivray, Ernst, Lepine.

Third Period
8—Canadiens, Laplante (Roche) 4.42
9—Canadiens, Trudel (Morenz, Fryday) 9.25
10—Canadiens, Lepine 10.38
11—Canadiens, Denny 15.07
12—Canadiens, Morenz (Trudel) 18.47
Penalty: Roche.

New Glasgow Horse Trainer Is Injured

Horsemen will regret to learn of an accident to Frank McAliduff, trainer and driver for Blue Acres Raceway, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. While training a young colt he had the misfortune of breaking two ribs and sustaining a back injury. He is now recovering and expects to be up and going shortly.

Mr. McAliduff was formerly from Alberton, P. E. I.

Acadia Defeats P. W. C. 16-5

WOLFVILLE, N. S., March 21—(CP)—Acadia University Axemen tonight defeated Prince of Wales College of Charlottetown 16-5 in their annual hockey match. The event was won last year by the Charlottetown Collegians.

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Centre A. Douglas, who had scored the first goal for the visitors scored two more in the final period with winger J. Richard scoring the fifth.

Hockey Challenge

We, the married men of Free-town and Bedeque, do hereby challenge the single men of Free-town and Bedeque to a friendly game of hockey to be played in Bedeque Rink Monday night, March 24. Signed, George Somers, (Capt.)

HUNTERS' CORNER

The declimated ranks of our pheasants were given a new lease of life on Thursday last when a total of 246 were released in different sections of the province. The original shipment held 250 birds but four died enroute. The pheasants were purchased from MacFarlane Pheasant Farms, Janesville, Wisconsin at a cost to the sportsmen of the province of eleven hundred dollars.

Officials of Island Pheasants Unlimited who arranged and paid for the shipment are beset with misgivings as to what will be the eventual fate of the birds. The 246 pheasants liberated on Thursday were ordered last fall and a substantial down payment made. If it had not been for this fact it is doubtful whether or not the birds would have been purchased.

Several hundred pheasants were secured from the same source in 1946 and set free in all three counties to augment the several thousands of native birds estimated to be inhabiting the alder swales and farm lands of the central portion of the province. Sad to relate, it is now common knowledge that the pheasants took a terrific beating this past winter not from the weather but from poachers. Observers contend that at the present time we have approximately one pheasant for every four we had in the spring of 1945.

This past winter was unique in many respects. It was possible to drive to almost any point in the province all through January and February and gunshots could be heard almost every day as gangs of rabbit hunters roamed the woods. Toward the end of January I made it a point to check a number of known winter headquarters of pheasants. I always made the check after a light fall of snow and looked for tracks.

Every winter for the past 10 years one could expect to find from 6 to 10 pheasants in a dense patch of alders that abuts McCallum's spring at Fullerton's Marsh. They were there this December, four at least for I saw them myself. I checked this ground twice. Once about the middle of January and the second time at the end of the month. I never saw a sign of a pheasant or the track of one. I had the same story at three other similar wintering grounds.

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Basketball Tonight

Tonight at 7:30 the first game of the City League basketball semifinals will be run off at P. W. C. Auditorium with the Navy team lining up against the Army. All players are asked to be on time.

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Queen Square School Team Defeated 6-2 In Final Encounter

Displaying a deadly scoring punch all through the game, Art Perry's West Kent School hockey squad last night retained their City School hockey title and the C. P. Archer trophy as they downed Queen Square 6-2 in the third and deciding game of the series. It was the second win for the West Kenters having captured the first encounter 3-2 losing the second 4-1.

Shooting three goals before their opponents could find the range for one West Kent took a 3-1 lead in the first period; split a pair of goals with their opponents in the second session and came roaring down the stretch in the third to outscore Queen Square 2-0 for their fourth goal margin.

That was the scoring story of the game but although defeated Queen Square put up a mighty battle. Time after time they took the play away from their opponents only to either shoot wide or run into a stumbling block in the person of the West Kent goalie while the winners breaking away from the gang attacks were finding the range with deadly accuracy although two of their counters were tinged with luck as Queen Square players deflected the puck into their own net attempting to clear.

Young Bill Bevins was the scoring hero of the game accounting for three of the winners' goals, two of them coming in the final period with McGregor getting two and Carver one. Queen Square goals came from the sticks of McDonald and McKenzie.

It took West Kent only two minutes and 16 seconds to break into the scoring as Carver took Dalziel's pass to make it 1-0. Less than two minutes later, Bevins was back on an individual effort on a breakaway; and after eight minutes of scoreless hockey, McGregor got credit for a goal as the puck was deflected into the twines off a Queen Square player's skate. Queen Square's only goal of the period came at 14:43 as McDonald slid the puck in after setting possession in front of the West Kent cage.

The losers drew within striking distance of their opponents six minutes after the start of the middle canto as McKenzie worked his way in alone to beat Howatt clean-ly. For practically the balance of the period, Queen Square missed scoring chances galore and it was then that Carver took Dalziel's pass to make it 4-1. McGregor's sliding shot being deflected into the cage off a Queen Square player's stick.

West Kent struck early in the third as Bill Bevins broke into the clear from a power play to give Burke little chance on a waist high drive. It ran the score to 5-2 and Bevins' second goal of the period on a play with Glover ended the scoring as the losers, fighting hard but fruitlessly, attempted their opponents' but couldn't finish off their scoring chances successfully.

Lineups:
Queen Square: Goal, Burks; defence, Ready, Martin, Bruce; forwards, Hennessey, McKenzie, Burke, Gillis, McCallum, McDonald, Leonard.
West Kent: Goal, Howatt; defence, H. Howatt, McGowan; forwards, Bevins, Glover, Brown, Carver, Dalziel, Jardine, McNeill, McInnis.
Referee: Kane & Power.

W.K.S. vs P.S.S.

Today at 1:30 at the P.W.C. Auditorium, Prince Street girls take on West Kent girls in the first of the best of three games for the City Girls' Interscholastic basketball title. Keen interest is being displayed this year by the girls and it is expected the series will produce close encounters all the way.

Down The Alleys

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

Big Four League

Arabs:—
Dr. Duffy 289 194 255
I. McKinnon 146 193 187
J. McDonald 165 231 227
A. McFarlane 143 192 157
E. Smith 140 248 223
Total—3001.

Old Timers:—
E. Doucette 234 187 189
F. Doucette 155 166 164
R. Duncan 127 218 125
V. Coyle 191 250 157
Rev. P. McMahon 255 170 155
Total—2773.

High single Dr. Duffy 289.
High three Dr. Duffy 738.
Points: Arabs 4; Old Timers 1.

Arabs:—
Dr. Duffy 174 269 396
I. McKinnon 224 231 200
J. McInnis 137 125 210
J. McDonald 264 229 202
A. McFarlane 155 276 204
Total—3296.

All Stars:—
J. Power 194 197 204
E. Larter 186 242 172
R. Cameron 158 300 175
W. McNeill 170 248 217
C. LeClair 183 207 223
High single Dr. Duffy 396.
High three Dr. Duffy 839.
Points: Arabs 4; All Stars 1.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Lou (Iron Man) Gehrig missed his first ball game with the New York Yankees since 1925 eight years ago today when he stayed on the bench to watch his team make a 14-4 conquest of Kansas City, Yankees' team. Later in the season, Gehrig "withdrew permanently, crippled by a form of paralysis which caused his death June 6, 1941.

The pheasant kill during the 5 day open season in October was reasonable and made no appreciable difference in the number of birds present after the season ended compared with what we had when the season commenced. It has been estimated that for every pheasant

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YEO THEATRE

"FALCON IN SAN FRANCISCO"

TOM CONWAY

MONTAGUE: Mon.-Tues

Legion Line-up

The following will lineup for the Legion in the game against St. Dunstan's tonight.
Goal: Cudmore.
Defence: MacDonald, Pound, Carmichael.
Forwards: Carver, Shepherd, Dowling, Perry, Strain, Richards, McIntyre.

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